

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7214  
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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, UK  
SUBJECT: FLORENCE AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 147805; (B) LONDON 7939

1. RE PARA 2 OF REF A, EMBASSY SENT FULL SET OF UK REGULATIONS AND REPORTS UNDER COVER OF A-122 (2/16/77). SECOND SET SENT LATER TO EUR/RPE (BRESSLER).

2. FOLLOWING IS UK GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON MOST RECENT CHANGES REPORTED REF B WHICH REPRESENTS ONLY CHANGE FROM EXISTING REGULATIONS.

"ELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF FROM COMMON CUSTOMS TARIFF DUTIES FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM OUTSIDE THE EEC FOR NON-COMMERCIAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OR FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES WILL, FROM 1 JUNE 1978, BE WHOLLY LIMITED TO 'SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS' FOR GOODS ORDERED ON AND AFTER THAT DATE. THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH RELIEF IS GIVEN REMAIN UNALTERED.

DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD OF ENTRY TO THE EEC, THE UK CONTINUED TO OPERATE CERTAIN RELIEFS FROM IMPORT DUTY WHICH EXTENDED BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE FLORENCE AGREEMENT AND OF REGULATION (EEC) 1798/75 WHICH IMPLEMENTS, ON A COMMUNITY BASIS, THE OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER  
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STATES UNDER THAT AGREEMENT. SOME ADJUSTMENTS IN THE SCOPE OF THESE UK RELIEFS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE AND THE UK IS NOW COMPLETING THE PROCESS OF ALIGNING THEM WITH THE AGREEMENT AND ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE COMMUNITY LEGISLATION.

THE GENERAL EFFECT OF THE CHANGES IS THAT SUCH ITEMS AS AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND PERIPHERAL

UNITS (EXCEPT WHEN SPECIALLY DESIGNED OR MODIFIED FOR  
SCIENTIFIC USE), FILM AND SLIDE PROJECTORS, VIDEO-TAPE  
RECORDERS, CALCULATORS AND GENERAL-PURPOSE TEST AND  
MEASURING EQUIPMENT ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF."  
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